

of Violation of FEC Regulations regarding Candidate Debates

VS.

Werner Lange Complainant Independent Candidate 14th Congressional District of Ohio

Newton Falls, Ohio 44444

Jim Collins Respondent Executive in Res

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

On August 11 (2006) Complainant, a certified candidate for Ohio's 14th Congressional District, contacted in writing Lakeland Community College to inquire about an impending debate among congressional candidates in the 14th District of Ohio. In that message, Rev. Lange asked to be included in the debate. On August 15, Rev. Lange was informed that the debate will be restricted to "major party candidates only". On August 16, the debate, which intentionally and knowingly excluded the Complainant, was taped in the studios of Lakeland Community College, a publicly funded institution of higher education. The following day, on August 17, a report about the debate along with photos of the two major party candidates appeared in The News-Herald, a newspaper which allegedly once had the Respondent as its editor. Several subsequent messages to the Respondent which drew explicit attention to the discrimination and called for a correction west totally unanswered by the Respondent and the President of Lakeland Community College. The taped debate excluding the Complainant is scheduled for broadcast to the general public via cable in the very near future. A 30-minute debate provides ample opportunity for three candidates as well as two to present their positions on key social issues of the campaign.

VIOLATION OF FEC REGULATIONS:

This discriminatory act which intentionally and willfully excluded the Complainant from the debate stands in violation of Section 110.13 (c) of the FEC Regulations ("Criteria for candidate selection") which states "For general election debates, staging organization(s) shall not use nomination by a particular political party as the sole objective criterion to determine whether to include a candidate in a debate".

Respectfully (re)Submitted on this September 12, 2006 by

Rev. Werner Lange

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 12th day of September, 2006

Sworn and Signed before me this 12th Day of Sept. 2006

Notary Public, State of Ohio My Commission Expires August 12, 2007 "EarthLink'

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Thank you for your interest.

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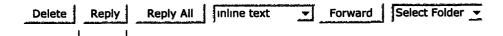
Dear Ms. Plante,

I have noticed from published reports in local newspapers Lakeland Community College has been recording debates amor select 2006 candidates for public office. I am a certific candidate for the 14th Congressional District of Ohio. He I have received no notification of or invitation to such a

debate for this vital office. It is my sincere hope and expectation that such an invitation will be forthcoming if when a debate among the congressional candidates is schedu for recording and broadcast through your publicly funded facilities. Thank you for your anticipated proactive responses.

Sincerely,

Rev. Werner Lange Independent Candidate 14th Congressional District of Ohio



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From the desk of Rev Dr. Werner Lange

Newton Falls. Onio 44444

August 22, 2006

Jim Collins
Executive in Residence
Lakeland Community College
Kirtland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Collins,

Evidently my numerous messages to you regarding the impropriety, indeed likely illegality, of your intentional exclusion of me in the taped debate discriminatorily restricted to only major party candidates has fallen on deaf ears. I write today to make sure that you are fully informed of federal regulations regarding such debates so that you will not be able to claim ignorance. I call your particular attention to subsection © of Section 110.13 of the Code of Federal Regulations of the Federal Elections Commission, and once again urge you to comply with this important regulation attempting to promote fairness in elections, something that currently is clearly not the case.

Surely a publicly funded educational institution and a reputable newspaper have a definite interest in compliance with federal regulations, regardless of what the personal bias of managers of either would be. Noncompliance, of course, does have its consequences.

Sincerely,

Rev. Werner Hange

Candidate

14th Congressional District of Ohio

enclosure: FEC, Code of Fed. Regs, pages 178-179

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